

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this case. Claims 2 and 12 have been amended, and Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled by the present amendment. Claims 2 and 12 have been amended only to correct minor informalities and, thus, add no new subject matter.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-18 were indicated as allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowability of Claims 1-18.

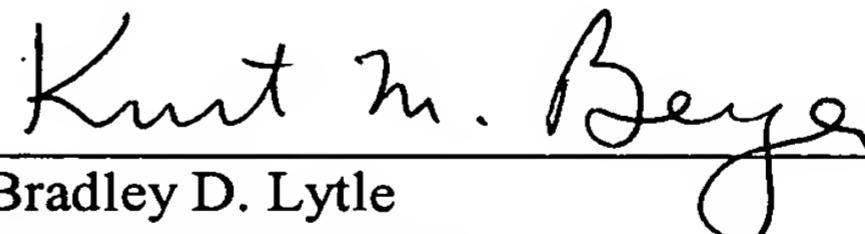
Claims 19 and 20 are canceled by the present amendment, and, therefore, the rejection of those claims is believed to be moot.

Given the cancellation of Claims 19 and 20, the only remaining claims are Claims 1-18, which were indicated as allowable.

Consequently, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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